

INTERVARSITY

Serving with Estudiantes Cristianos Unidos in Costa Rica



Rachel Serving at TEC



Learning Spanish



Joel Serving as Physical Therapist



Leading Proxy Training



Joel investing in Students at UCIMED & University of Costa Rica

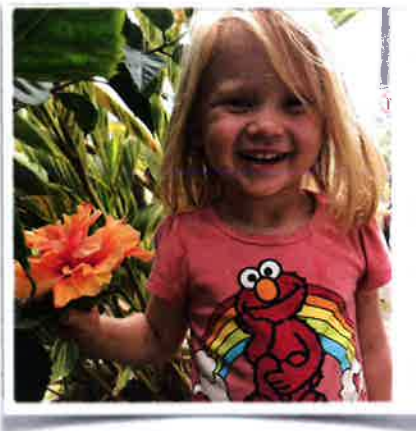
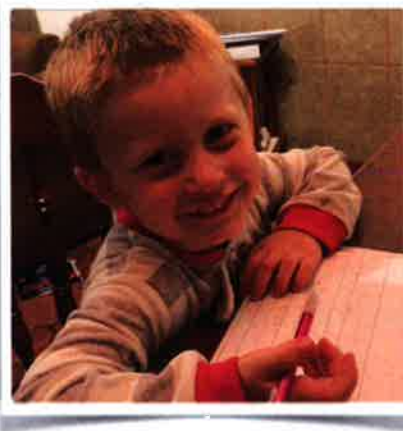
Serving in Costa Rica

We have been in country 8 months and have found a good rhythm to life. We are stepping into new opportunities and have begun serving where the Lord has placed us. We are still taking Spanish classes everyday from 7:30-11:30 and praise be to God, have improved so much! We were able to do a two hour training in Spanish over InterVarsity's method of outreach called Proxys and we can understand just about everything people say! Praise God with us!

In February the Universities in San Jose started their school year and we officially began serving on campus. We have our afternoons, evenings and weekends to be investing in students and teams on 3 different campuses. Joel has been meeting with a small group that is starting an ECU group at a private medical school called UCIMED. Rachel is investing in a new staff at Cartago TEC and attending their leadership team meetings. We are also involved in leadership team meetings and campus activities at the University of Costa Rica (UCR- the largest campus in the country).

Joel has also been able to volunteer using Physical Therapy to serve a few local patients. One named Rigo, has been a real miracle. He has gone from not moving and in bed along with feeling hopeless to independently moving from his bed to his wheel chair and standing all with a smile on his face. It has changed his life and his families life. They have a new hope and it has been a privilege to be part of this transformation.

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Our Precious Kiddos

Our kids are what everyone wants to really know about, correct?!? One of our greatest fears in coming to Costa Rica was how our kids would adjust. As of now they are happy, growing in so many ways and learning Spanish very quickly. They go to school each day from 7:30-2:30 and half the day is in Spanish. It is a Christian School connected to our language school and we couldn't be more thankful for the experience they are having. We have seen so much growth in them in such a short while. Lucy has begun to read and Charles can write his name! Annie used to be very quite and now her teacher tells us she doesn't stop talking in class. They all love to go be with their friends with teachers. God has certainly opened opportunities for us to serve and live out our calling here in Costa Rica. We feel blessed to join Him here.

Summer Global Program 2018

One of our dreams when moving to Costa Rica was to be able to host InterVarsity summer global programs. They have shaped us in significant ways and we have hoped to continue to impact students in InterVarsity. This summer our dream is already coming true! In June there is a team of 10 InterVarsity students and staff from Iowa and Nebraska coming to serve alongside us and our ECU movement. This two week trip will take us to two areas of the country.

The first week will be spent in the south serving on a campus where ECU has long dreamed of having a chapter. We visited this area in April with Edner the country director. Our family will move to this area in January of 2019 to serve and pioneer ministry. We pray this will be the start of our ministry in the south of Costa Rica. We hope to know a handful of students that long to see their campus renewed by the love of Christ!

The second week we will join and serve along side established groups in the northern part of the country. The hope is to meet new students, share the Gospel and build momentum for ministry that is already happening. One of the neat things about this trip is we have invited students that are already involved with ECU to join us to serve other campuses in their own country. As students serve one another we pray that the ministry of the entire movement will grown in love and unity.



How You Can Help

1. **Would you be willing to pray for this group?** We are expectant for what God will do and long to see His Kingdom come.
2. **Would you be interested in supporting this team financially?** Our family along with the local staff and students will all have to pay the costs of housing, transportation and food. It would be such a blessing to help them with these costs. We are hoping to give twenty \$100 scholarships and raise a total of \$2,000. We are including a BRE envelope (please write Joel/Rachel Watters) or you can give online at <https://donate.intervarsity.org/donate#9792>.

Thank you so much! Un abrazo fuerte,
The Watters